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## OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD NICHOLAS HEBERT MINUTES

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 10, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of Bayou Cane Fire Protection District of the Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana, met on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

Nicholas Hebert called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Upon roll call by Sonja Labat, the following Commissioners were present: Nicholas Hebert, Robert Page, Hayward Sims and Jacob Rhodes. The following Commissioners were absent: Suzanne Carlos, Travis Gravois and Ed Lawson. Others in attendance were Sonja Labat, Angela Hidalgo, Chief Hill, Mike Palmer, Chief Henry, Chief Boudreaux, Kay Hebert, Greg Boudreaux, Adam Schmidt, Brent Tinkes, Lou Eschete, Cody Hebert, Trey Hymel, Nathan Allen, Stephen Battaglia, Tim Guidry and Josh Guidry.

It was motioned by Robert Page, seconded by Hayward Sims to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2023. Motion passed.

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

Chief Hill discussed the Fire Chief's report. The permit report was light, but the new construction report was discussed. There were 174 calls in June and 1,044 year to date calls. The district received a partial award on a grant application. The training portion was approved, totaling \$53,000. The department will have a 10% match. Chief Boudreaux discussed the Fire Fighters Sub Grant in the amount of \$23,500 which will be used to purchase a new Polaris. Chief Hill discussed House Bill 1 in the amount of \$850,000 for the training field. They are awaiting the official letter but meeting with Milford and Associates to start the process. Chief Hill phoned Chief Himel. Chief Himel advised that although the district is not ready to purchase a new fire truck, it is time to begin planning. Manufacturers are out 18-24 months. He would like to present specs next month although money will not be spent until 2025.

The Chairman discussed the retirement account balance as compared to 2022. It was motioned by Robert Page, seconded by Jacob Rhodes to approve the June financials. Motion passed.

The board advised everyone to keep up the great work and be careful in the heat. Nicholas Hebert discussed positive feedback from the community regarding EMS. He also discussed vehicle safety.

A motion was offered by Hayward Sims, seconded by Jacob Rhodes to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m. Motion passed. The next regular scheduled meeting is August 14, 2023 at 11:30 am.

Travis Gravois, Secretary

Sonja Labat, Accountant